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SUBJECT: FINNISH VIEWS ON POSSIBLE SCANDINAVIAN PARTICIPATION
IN UN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE FOR MIDDLE EAST

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1. FINNISH DEFENSE MINISTER GESTRIN TOLD EMBOFF
THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO SPECIFIC DISCUSSION OF
PROVIDING 5,200 MAN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE FOR
MIDEAST AT NORDIC DEFENSE MINISTERS MEETING AT
ROROS, AS MENTIONED REFTTEL.

2. GESTRIN SAID THAT NORDICS HAVE PLANS READY
FOR A MAXIMUM 5,200 MAN PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WHICH
COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON SHORT NOTICE ANYWHERE IN THE
WORLD. THESE PLANS, WHICH HAVE BEEN PRINTED AS AN
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"NORDIC STAND'BY FORCES IN UNITED NATIONS SERVICE",

WERE PRESENTED TO THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL ON OCTOBER 12. ACCORDING TO GESTRIN, THIS HAS NO DIRECT CONNECTION WITH PRESENT MIDEAST SITUATION, HOWEVER, AND SHOULD NOT BE CONSTRUED TO MEAN THAT NORDICS HAVE OFFERED OR PROFFERED THEIR FORCES FOR SERVICE IN THE MIDEAST. (EMBASSY HAS ONE COPY OF PUBLICATION AND WILL FORWARD SAME TO DEPARTMENT ON REQUEST.)

3. GESTRIN ADDED THAT NORDICS HAVE TRADITIONALLY COOPERATED WITH THE UN ON PEACE-KEEPING PROBLEMS, AND HE SEES NO REASON WHY THIS WOULD NOT BE THE CASE NOW ALSO IF A REQUEST WERE MADE BY THE UN FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE UN WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A REQUEST, THAT NONE HAS BEEN MADE TO DATE, AND THE REQUEST WOULD THEN ALSO HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED ON HIGHEST LOCAL POLITICAL LEVEL. KREHBIEL

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